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- During May 1954, the Czech Army conducted maneuvers in the forest area northeast of Rabensburg, Lower Austria (E 16° 54', N 48° 39'). During the night the maneuver area was repeatedly lit up by flares.
- 2. On the afternoon of 26 May, two columns of dark green army trucks were observed to meet about 200 meters east of bench mark (Kote) 154, which is at the bridge across the Thaya northeast of Rabensburg. The trucks resembled Skoda 3.5-ton trucks. They drove southward, crossed the streamtknown as the Schiffahrt, and parked on the edge of the woods. An exercise was held which centered on the advance of troops carrying rubber boats toward the Schiffahrt and the river. The troops carrying the boats were supported by other infantry soldiers, and smoke grenades were used to screen the advance.
- 3. On about 15 May, Czech pioneer troops had erected temporary wooden bridges at a point about 250 meters east of bench mark 154 and at another point about 750 meters southeast of the bench mark, across the Schiffahrt. A bridge, destroyed in the war, had stood on the latter spot. The house which stood on the east bank of the Schiffahrt at this point has been razed and the position has been made into a concrete bunker. By 29 May the latter bridge had been removed.

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